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## REVIEWS.

New Zealand Year Book.

From the offices of the Government  
printers we have received a copy of the  
New Zealand Official Year Book for 1913  
—the twenty-second year of issue. The  
volume contains several new features of  
interest, and its contents of a permanent  
character have been thoroughly revised.  
The introductory chapters are historic and  
descriptive, and the other sections cover  
the whole range of the administrative  
field, and include statistics regarding  
population, law and crime, commerce,  
agriculture, public health and a variety  
of other subjects. Several special arti-  
cles are also included, the subjects re-  
viewed including state afforestation, in  
New Zealand, the mineral waters of the  
Colony, and land and income tax assess-  
ment.

Rosenstock's Directory.

Rosenstock's Directory of China and  
Manila for 1914, which has just left the  
press, is issued in its familiar form and  
is as useful and complete as ever. The  
book is well arranged, and the informa-  
tion comprehensive, accurate and thor-  
oughly up-to-date. The tabs indicating  
the whereabouts of the firms are a time-  
saving and convenient feature. This  
year for the convenience of sub-  
scribers desiring information of Hong-  
kong and China only, a special edition is  
published in addition to the larger  
volume; and a Manila City Directory is  
also issued.

## SIR E. CARSON'S SWORD.

Interesting Presentation.

Sir Edward Carson was entertained at  
dinner at the Ritz Hotel on the night of  
March 13 by nearly a hundred of his per-  
sonal friends, in token of their sympathy  
and support for his work on behalf of  
Ulster. The feature of the evening was  
the presentation to Sir Edward of a silver-  
handled sword, with a gleaming blade of  
fine steel, as an emblem of Ulster's  
stand against oppression. On the blade  
were inscribed the words:

Presented to Sir Edward Carson by  
friends of Ulster, in the sure hope that  
God will defend the right.

Accompanying the sword was a beauti-  
fully bound book, containing the Govern-  
ment of Ulster illuminated on vellum, with  
a rich Celtic design. In this volume all  
these present signed their names.

The idea of this dinner in encouragement  
of the Ulster leader at a time of crisis  
originated with Lord Willoughby de Broke,  
and among those present, besides his lord-  
ship, were:

The Duke of Rutland, the Duke of  
Marlborough, the Duke of Somerset, the  
Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Lon-  
donderry, the Earl of Malmesbury, the  
Earl of Portsmouth, the Earl of Halsbury,  
Lieut. General Erye Mahon, Admiral Sir  
Alfred Paget, Sir W. M. Arden, M.P.,  
Mr. E. D. Blunsfeld, Mr. J. L. Garin,  
and Professor Ridgway, of Cambridge.

The company was confined entirely to  
Sir Edward Carson's personal friends, and  
though many of his admirers in all parts  
of Great Britain wished to be present, it was  
not possible to gratify their desire.

The Premier stated recently in the  
House of Commons that the Government  
did not see their way to introduce a  
Sewage Home Rule Bill this session.

Explaining, "I will put an end to  
the whole thing," Captain Norman  
Ernest Playfair, who was talking with  
his wife at Waterbury (Hampshire) on  
the 4th ult., snatched up a bayonet and  
plunged it into his breast. He died in-  
stantly.

Captain Playfair left the King's Own  
Devonshire Regiment a few years ago, and  
was distinguished for his active service in  
the Boer War.

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8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN.' 8 A.M. 'KINSHAN.'  
10 P.M. 'KINSHAN.' 5 P.M. 'HONAM.'

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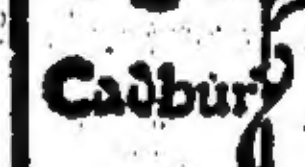
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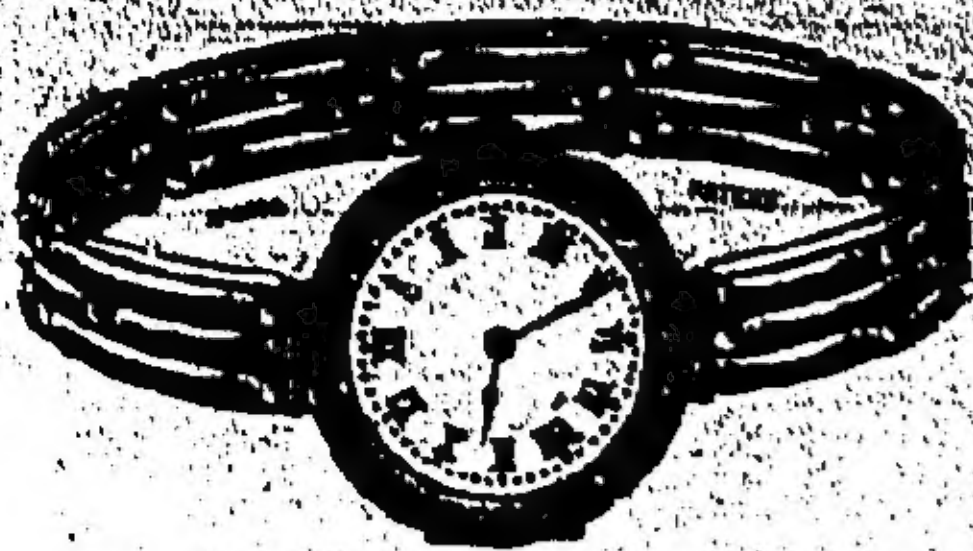
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st of April to the 15th April, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA BORNEO Co. Ltd., W. G. DAIRY, General Manager, Hongkong, March 28, 1914.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th April, 1914, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1913, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th April to the 17th April both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. H. P. HAY, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, April 2, 1914.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

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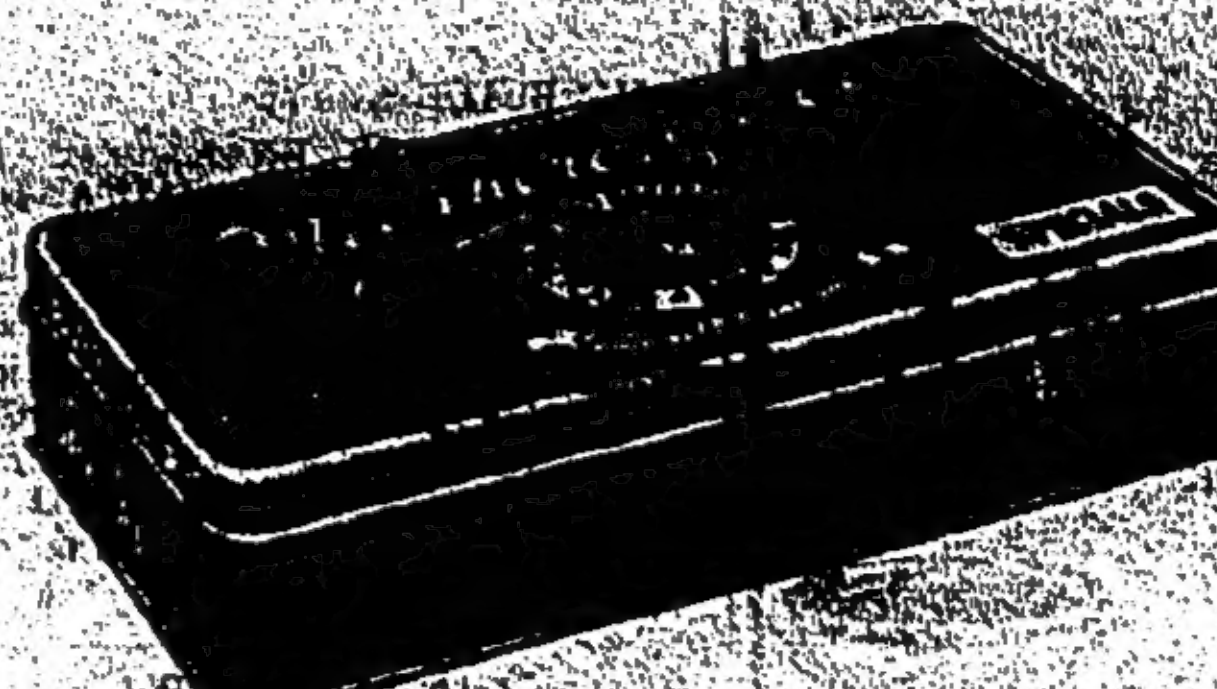
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## NAVAL AND MILITARY.

(By the Correspondent of the "London and China Express" of March 13.)

The garrison of Hongkong is to consist of 4,250 of all ranks and arms in the coming year. This force will be made up as follows:—Three companies of Royal Garrison Artillery, 988; two companies of Royal Engineers, 229; one battalion of British Infantry, 903; detachment of Army Service Corps, 34; detachment of Royal Army Medical Corps, 52; two battalions of Indian native Infantry, 1,844; local artillery and engineers, 364 and 40 respectively; Army Ordnance, 34; Army Pay Corps, 8—total 4,250, as compared with 4,270 this year.

Lieutenant Crawley-Bovey, Cornwall Light Infantry, on return from East Africa, where he was employed with the King's African Rifles, has joined the home battalion at the Curragh.

Second Lieutenant A. W. Hamman, Cornwall Light Infantry, has been posted to the 2nd Battalion, Hongkong, on first appointment, but will do duty with the home battalion till next trooping season.

Second Lieutenant R. W. Patterson, King's Own Light Infantry, on first appointment, will join the 2nd Battalion on 24th inst.

The battleship Iron Duke, which has just hoisted the pennant for the maiden commission, is the heaviest British battleship afloat, as she displaces at her normal load line 25,000 tons. Her armament is in proportion to her huge bulk. The chief guns are ten 13.5 in. guns of the latest type, mounted in five turrets, all on the central line of the ship, with two super-imposed. This arrangement, which is the latest arrangement, gives a fire of four guns ahead and four astern, and the entire 10 can be brought to bear on either broadside.

The secondary armament consists of two of the new 3-in. guns for defence against ships and aeroplanes, and nine 3-pounders, and the usual quota of machine guns with four underwater 21-in. torpedo tubes. The Iron Duke is heavily armoured on the waterline, the barbettes, and other vital parts. She represents an outlay of over a million and three-quarters sterling.

Contrary to general expectation, the command of the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, Portsmouth, just vacated by Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Maxwell on the termination of his four years' command, has been filled by the transfer of an outside officer—Lieutenant-Colonel Wilfrid R. R. Smith, from the South Wales Borderers.

The senior major of the Borderers, and the senior major of the Lincolns, began his soldiering in May, 1888; was promoted captain in 1896, was adjutant of his battalion 1897-1901, got his majority in 1907, and was for some time a brigade major in India. He served in the Tibet Expedition, 1903-4, for which he holds the medal with clasp.

A big flip of promotion has just gone through the South Wales Borderers. In addition to Major Smith, gaining special promotion to the command of a battalion of the Lincoln Regiment, Captain W. T. Lawrence and Captain G. E. E. Welby.

Following the old custom "three-penny day" was observed recently at Eton College, when new three-penny pieces were distributed to all the "collegers."

The institution was founded by Roger Lupton, who was proved from 1502 to 1588. Each "colleger" will be called up in turn after lunch by the provost to receive the gift, and if any are absent their share falls to the captain.

By permission of the Lord Mayor and Corporation the British and Foreign Bible Society celebrated its 119th birthday at the Guildhall on 7th March. The gathering was intended chiefly for young people. About 1,500 persons were present. Addressing himself to the children, the Lord Mayor spoke of the tremendous lot of good which the Society accomplished. It was stated that in 1912 the Society issued nearly 5,000,000 volumes of Bibles and Testaments.

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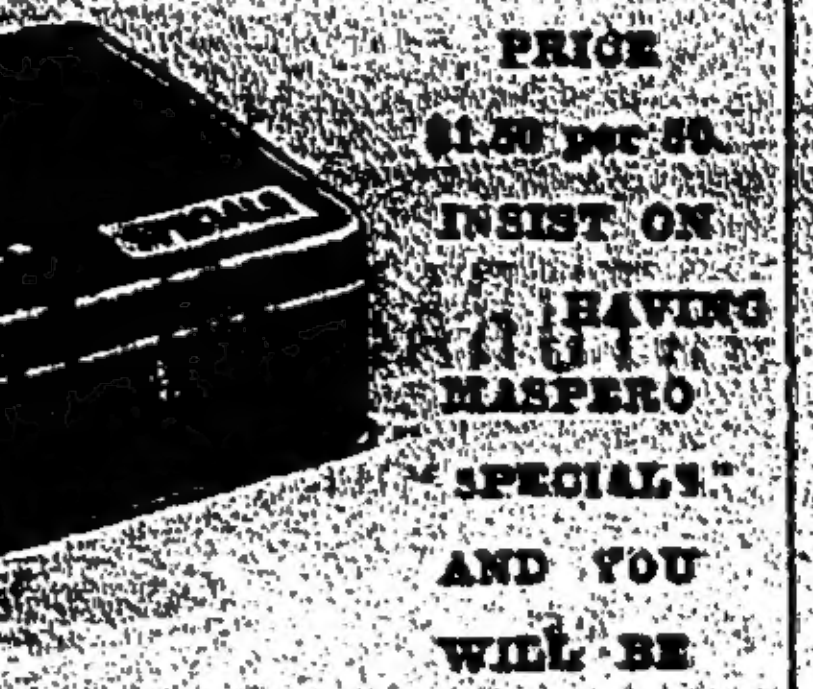
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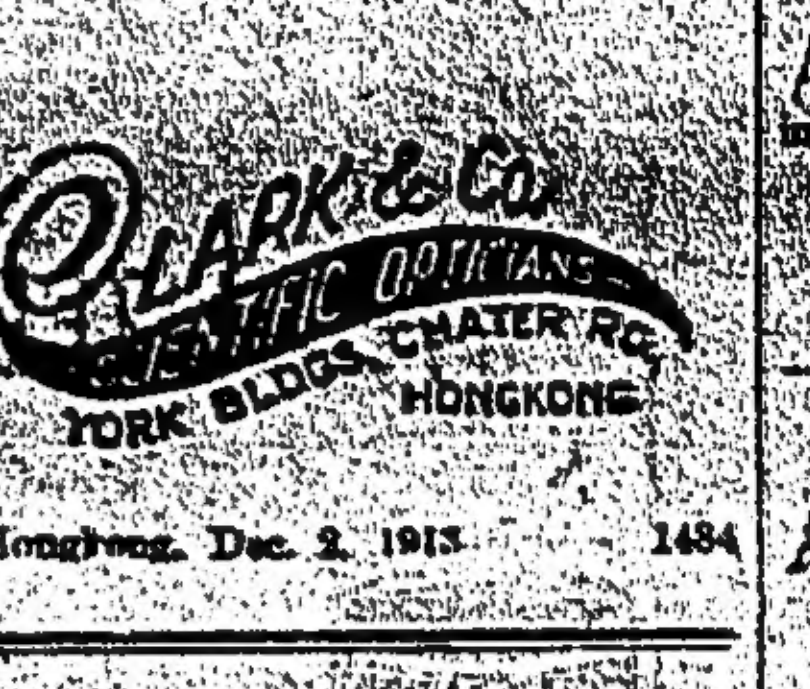
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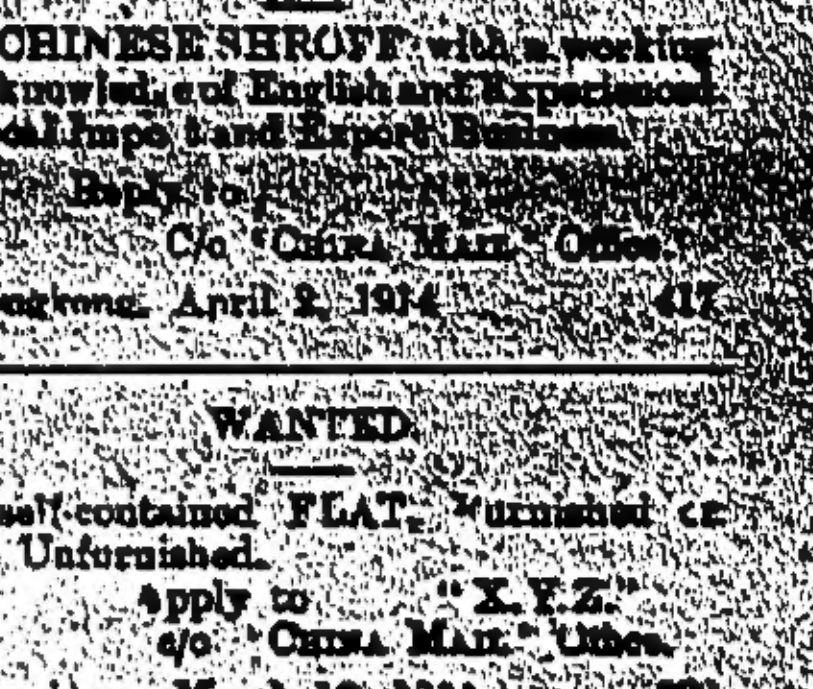
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### THE STAGE KISS

#### DOES IT AROUSE THOUGHTS OF JEALOUSY?

##### Players' Views.

The kiss on the stage has been arousing some discussion in America, and some noted players have had a lot to say about it. Once, says the New York World, the dramatic kiss was a lifeless, mechanical sort of representation, introduced in a touch-and-go fashion and entirely wanting in essentials. It was form without substance. It was vapidity.

Now, fostered by playwrights and producers under spur of applause and encouragement from theatre audiences, it has become effectively realistic and unctuous. The stage kiss to day is beset with every evidence of the impulse of vitality. Its mimicry is lost in artistic fervour. It is so perfect, a counterfeit that it passes as the real thing of love with all save experts. Has it developed too far? Is there real honey in the stage kiss?

##### ANSWERS.

This is what some prominent actors and actresses have to say about the matter in the New York World: Mrs. Otis Harlan speaks first. Her husband does not play romantic roles, but she can understand how the wife of an actor who does might become jealous.

"My, oh, my, jealous! How very absurd! Why, of course not. You see, that's one of the advantages of being married to a comedian. His kisses are funny—very funny if he is a good comedian—and nothing at all to be jealous of. On rare occasions Mr. Harlan has rehearsed some of his stage effects at home. Jealous? Indeed, instead of being jealous of anyone forced to endure Mr. Harlan's stage kisses, I could offer her my sympathy. Surely, I should say the recipient of Mr. Harlan's stage kisses is more kissed against than kissing."

Nevertheless, I can understand how the wives of some actors might be jealous of their husbands. Take some tall and handsome—not that my husband wouldn't be just a tall and handsome as any actor in the world if he were only rolled out a little—actor, who plays romantic parts. His success depends upon the intensity and realism which he imparts to his performance. Now, were such a man my husband—but, thank goodness, he isn't."

##### MARK-BELIEVE.

Flora Zabelle, wife of Raymond Hitchcock, looks at the subject from the viewpoint of the stage's make-believe. She says:—

"Of course, I do not object to stage kisses. Why should I? They are just like all acts pertaining to the play, are only 'make-believe.' It is not the stage kiss before the footlights, but the stage kiss behind the scenes in the dark corners that creates a tidal wave on the otherwise placid sea of domesticity."

Here is how Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, wife of the hero of half a hundred melodramas, feels:—"Whenever I see my husband essay a stage kiss, I ask myself the question, 'If an actor had to play a condemned criminal being led to the scaffold would it be necessary for him to be a murderer at heart?' Having asked this of myself, and knowing the answer, the stage kiss does not bother me."

The opinion expressed by Mrs. Donald Brian is of real value, for her frisky dancing husband is always the romantic swain in musical comedy, with an arm around one girl or another in every act. He is typical of the lover. Still, Mrs. Brian is not jealous:—"The idea of being jealous of a stage kiss is perfectly absurd. No woman in the world should ever give it a thought. It is business, pure and simple. It would be impossible to display the heart's deepest affection before two thousand people."

##### KISSES A JOKE.

"If an actor and actress were really in love they would not portray their emotion in public. I think it can truthfully be said that the sentimental stage kiss does not exist. Often the people who kiss are not even congenial. In many of the supposed kissing scenes the faces of the players do not even touch. Among professionals the stage kiss is a joke. I never met any one who gave it a thought. The actor's mind when he is playing is centred in his work. All else is secondary."

Mrs. Frank Lalor admits that if it had not been for the fact that she and her husband were the principals in kissing scenes on the stage they might never have married. She says:—"Twenty-two years ago if stage kissing had been eliminated from the play I never would have married Mr. Lalor. At least it is with the bounds of possibility that such

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## LIGHT BLUE.

How The Cantabs Got Their Colours.

At the first inter-Varsity boat race in 1820 the Cambridge crew wore white shirts, pink ties, and straw hats, Oxford wearing white and blue jerseys. It was not until the next contest, in 1836, that the Cantabs adopted the light blue, which is their distinguishing colour.

This race was known as "The battle of the Blues," and it was the first occasion on which the rival teams wore the light and dark blues which they have used ever since. The adoption of the light blue was accidental, and fell out in this manner: Just before the Cambridge boat was launched it was found that the crew had no distinguishing badges. Mr. R. N. Phillips ran to a draper's shop in the neighbourhood for a roll of ribbon, and being an old Etonian, he selected the colours of his school for luck.

"What are jargons?" asked Mr. Chester Jones of a witness who had been called to give evidence at Old-garret Police Court as to the value of a number of articles of cheap jewellery. The witness had described the "stones" in two rings, and a tie-pin as glass and those in two other rings as "jargons." In reply to the magistrate the witness explained that "jargons" were also glass, but better cut.

"You cowardly fool; how about the children?" was the text of a cable message which Charles Cale, a passenger by the Arabic, found waiting for him on his arrival in New York from Liverpool. The message was sent by his wife, whom, it is said, he left with two children at Burnley, England, to elope with Mrs. Florence Beavers. The couple had crossed to America as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heep. When Cale (alias Heep) claimed the cable message the immigration officials questioned him, and when he admitted his identity orders were given for his deportation to England.

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Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	560	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. A. J. London	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
Yarmouth	light cruiser	4250	—	22,000	Capt. H. L. Cochrane	Colombo
C.36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. J. McGillicie	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Gaines	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
C.39	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
C.40	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Barton	Hongkong
C.41	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Wyndham-Quinn	Hongkong
C.42	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	West River

\* Flagship of Vice-Admiral T. H. M. Jerrard, K.C.R., Commander-in-Chief.

### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Type and description.	Tonn.	guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last report at.
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Makovitz	Shanghai
Dupleix †	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Davelny	Hongkong
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9730	12	19,800	Capt. Goutte	Saigon
Montcalm	French flagship	9600	—	—	Capt. de Vaisseau	Shanghai
Decidiee	French gunboat	445	10	1900	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	128	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Canton
Peche	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Donard de Legree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutemps	Tahong-Kia
† Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Balais	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1736	10	1700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	375	Lieut. Anrillee	Saigon
Iberville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Ronisien	Saigon
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessier	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	8000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon



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the habit of entering shops and taking with them the bad notes in payment of goods they carry off. But the trouble is that they insist that the notes shall be taken at their face value, so that the shopkeepers lose about 42 per cent. on every purchase thus made. Indeed, so acute did the antagonism between the shopkeepers and the soldiery become that the former, in self-defence, and as a protest against this barefaced robbery, had recourse to the time-honoured plan of shutting up their shops and refusing to do any further business. This, of course, soon brings things to a crisis, one way or another, for if the shopkeepers will not sell, the people cannot buy, and very soon there will be hunger, riots and bloodshed. Hence, when the shops are closed, the officials must act promptly, and they will hear something that will make their ears tingle from Peking. What has happened at Swatow since this throwing down of the gauntlet we have not yet ascertained. It is evident, therefore, that in times such as these, the soldiery, who are supposed to be set apart for the keeping of the peace, are not only unfit to do so, but are one of the most dangerous elements of the situation. That this is so will appear from two other considerations, one has only to look at a battalion or regiment of these men to see that they are unworthy of the name of soldier. Most of them are mere boys who seem to have "taken up with the army" for the sole reason that they will get their rice cheaply, and without the expenditure of much brain or energy. Old soldiers, as we understand the term, that is, men who have seen some service, to whom the name of the regiment is a matter of some importance, there are none. Here irresponsible youths are they and, as youths often are, easily led to show a cynicism of spirit without counting the cost. But this, after all, though bad enough is not the worst. Most of the men have neither education nor moral training. Indeed, there is something to be said worse than this, though this is black enough. A large number of the men, if we may believe the statement of the Governor-General in his report to Peking, are ex-robbers and they have yet retained the spirit that led them to take up the dangerous life that attracted them before they entered the army. The Governor-General stated bluntly that if the men were disbanded to-morrow they would at once go back to their old ways and frequent their old haunts. One of the most influential papers of the south, encouraged possibly by the message to Peking, stated roundly that for every thousand soldiers, from whom their uniforms were taken, would at once furnish a thousand brigands and pirates. From this it is evident that no one expects much from them except freebootery and rapine, if once they see they can help themselves without the danger of being immediately shot. With all this inflammable material about, scattered throughout the province, there is danger of a conflagration at any time. But the officials themselves are responsible for making the danger more imminent still. Perhaps they cannot help themselves, and are to be pitied rather than criticised. Still it is a fact that the notes in which the army is paid, when they are paid, on the very face of them, tend to irritate the men almost beyond endurance. They get these wretched notes as payment, and if they can pay back money to the Government they are allowed to pay the notes back at their face value, all of which is a farce, for everybody knows that a mere sham, and that some day this sham will be a nemesis upon those who practise it. But when they take their notes to the shops, they find that at once they are depreciated at forty per cent., and so there is smouldering resentment felt at the notes, and also at those who pay the men in paper money. The outlook then evidently is not very cheerful, in regard to the future of the army of South China. It will not need much provocation on the part of anyone to lend to a squabble at any time, at which lives may and will be sacrificed and property destroyed. Nor can one see any probable escape from trouble, with such notes and such prospects for the future. Very careful handling of the situation must be the order of the day, and yet some repression on the part of the powers that be to restrain these ruffian soldiery from venting their rage upon innocent persons, who themselves are the victims of trouble enough, without the additional outrages mentioned lately in the native papers.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

H.M.S. Alacrity sailed yesterday for Kobe.

The Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society held a Dicken's evening yesterday, discussing "A tale of two cities."

The Alexandra Cafe are advertising Hot Crust Duns; the first lot to be ready at 5 p.m. on Thursday and the second lot at 5 a.m. on Friday.

The steamer Camilla Rickmers on March 14 undertook the first sailing from Liverpool of the new Rickmers Line to the Straits Settlements, China and Japan. The vessel also carries cargo for Vindex.

A Packet-boat of 8,000 tons displacement, built at the Ateliers de la Giraudière for the Marseilles-Hongkong service of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, was launched on January 23 and named the Furber.

A British gunboat Woodcock, while undergoing trials on March 27, before being handed over by the Shanghai Dock Co. after repairs, fouled several lighters while swinging off Hongkong wharf doing slight damage to two of them.

The annual meeting of the Peak Church congregation will be held in the Vestry of John's Cathedral on Wednesday, April 20th, at 6 p.m., when the accounts will be presented and Committee and Officers elected for the ensuing year.

Charged with conveying unstamped letters from Melbourne, a Chinese said he had forgotten the laws of the Colony. The letters were really money advices and the money was in defendant's possession. He was fined \$20.

It is reported that the Peking Water-works will be sold to Arnold, Karberg & Company, says the "Peking Daily News." It is said that the Director of the works and the compradors of the company are now negotiating terms. A shareholders meeting will be called to decide the matter.

The quarterly meeting of the Hongkong Mission Association will be held at the Berlin Foundling House, Do-ham Road, this evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. O. Schulze, Mr. A. H. Mackenzie and Rev. H. R. Wells will read short papers concerning "The Production and Distribution of Christian Literature."

One of the new vessels being built for the China Navigation Company is reported to be now on her way out from home. The vessel is stated to be bringing out a number of superannuated officers of both departments while twelve engineers are understood to be on their way out by the P. & O. to join the fleet.

No fewer than 383 employees have left the Philippines Civil Service since November 1st. Of this number 220 are designated in a Government return as voluntary, the remainder resulting from a number of causes, including chiefly reductions in personnel. A considerable number of the voluntary resignations were of school teachers returning to the United States.

There was launched from the Pootung Yards of the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co. on March 24 the steamer Tung Wo which has been built for the Yangtze trade of the Indo-China S. N. Co. Her principal dimensions are: length 242 ft., breadth 40 ft. and depth, moulded 10 ft., and is constructed to carry a load of 1,000 tons on a draft of 8 ft. She will be propelled by two sets of triple-expansion engines supplied with steam from one large boiler fitted with forced draught.

Sir Thomas Shaugnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when asked regarding the assertion that the Canadian Pacific Railway was instrumental in inspiring the demand of the British Government for the repeal of the exemption provision in favour of American shipowners using the Panama Canal, said on the contrary the Canadian Pacific has never, directly or indirectly, protested to the British Government or any other Government against the Panama Canal tolls, and the company does not care a rap what conclusion is finally reached.

Twelve opium smoking Chinese including the keeper were before Mr. Hazell to-day. They were arrested on an opium dunn at Shaukiwan. The keeper was also charged with having a certain quantity of prepared opium and raw opium in his possession. Two prisoners pleaded not guilty, and evidence showed that these men were seen leaving the premises. The keeper had previously seen them smoke. The keeper was fined \$100 or a month in the first charge and \$143 for being in possession of opium. With the exception of the two defendants who pleaded not guilty, and were discharged, the remainder were fined \$2 or five days.

In addition to the Cardiganhire and Carmarthenshire the first of which has already passed through Hongkong on her maiden voyage, the Royal Mail S. P. Co. has placed orders with Messrs. Harland, Wolff & Co., Newcastle, for two large steamers for the Glen Line to take up the run between Europe and the Pacific coast via China. The new vessel, which will be launched during the present summer, will be named the Glen and will be provided with twin screws. It is expected that the new vessel will be completed before the end of the year.

## THE "LANGKAT" OUT-PUT.

Messrs. Dixon and Taylor, share and general brokers, inform us that they have received cabled advice from Shanghai to the effect that the Langkat output for the past seven days is given as 2,102 tons.

### AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Charges of Embezzlement Brought.

Before Mr. Wood to-day U Yim Lai, alias U in Nam, alias U Wing Chan, was charged with embezzling and stealing several sums of money from the Tai Fung firm, Hongkong, of which he was a former partner.

It is alleged by the prosecution that prisoner during the month of October, 1909, embezzled \$6,300, and further that he embezzled and stole from U Hong Wo of the Tai Fung King Kee firm a sum of \$5,440 on October 14, 1909.

Prisoner was arrested yesterday in Queen's Road, having only recently returned from the Colony from Canton.

Mr. Holmes prosecuted and Mr. Leo D'Almeida defended.

The hearing was formally adjourned for a week, bail being fixed at \$5,000.

### THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR.

We are pleased to be able to record, says "Church Notes," some considerable improvement in the choir as regards membership and the singing of the various services and anthems during the past month. We are glad to welcome the following ladies and gentlemen who have rejoined the choir, viz.:—Messdames Francis Clark, Goldsmith, Main, Fallow and Young, Miss White, the Hon. Mr. Claude Severn and Messrs. A. J. England and Peyton-Griffin, and the following new members, Messdames W. T. Edwards, J. R. Maughan, and Copley Moyle, Miss Goggin, Messrs. R. Brown and A. W. Tickle, but we regret to have lost the services of Messrs. A. Crumpler and P. Wilson, of H.M.S. Minotaur who have been helping in the evening service.

There are still vacancies for four sopranos, two contraltos and three basses which we should very much like to see filled. The Organist and Choir Master (Mr. J. W. White) will be glad to receive the names of any who are willing to assist in the proper performance of the musical portions of the Cathedral services.

### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT. COL. A. CHAPMAN V.C. IN H.K.

There will be no further drills until after Easter.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding has expressed his appreciation of the work done by the officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the recent manoeuvres and of the spirit in which they carried out their duties.

The above was won by Howitzer Section with a score of 358 points, the 10 pr. Section being second with 352 points.

The above was won by Capt. W. M. Scott with a score of 33 points.

The above competition will be held on Sunday April 19th. Particulars of time and place will be issued later. The conditions can be seen by U. C. at any time in the Staff Office. Entries must reach the Office not later than noon on Thursday 16th inst.

Mr. J. T. McMillan joined the Corps on the 2nd instant and has been posted to Engineer Company.

Corpl. W. H. L. Warrenner is permitted to resign date 4. 4. 14.

The above range is allotted to the Volunteers and Reserves in the P.W.D. from 4 p.m. on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th.

10 PR. SECTION H.K.V.C.

The fourth and last shot of the present series of monthly shoots will take place at Taikeo Range on Sunday April 19th, commencing at 9.15 a.m. Handicaps will be announced at the 200 yards firing point.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. David Wood, of the Public Works Dept., left by the "Awa Maru" to-day for Home, via Siberia.

Mr. A. W. U. Pope, until recently the General Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, has been appointed Adviser on railway matters to the Board of Communications.

The Rev. N. C. Pope reports to the Police that some person entered his bedroom yesterday and stole five pieces of jewellery valued at \$18 and smaller articles worth \$1.50.

A Chinese coolie at Kowloon was yesterday carrying a heavy pump when he fell under the weight of it, the pump crushing the unfortunate man's skull.

The application for the extradition to China of Han Yeh Kuen, on a charge of \$4,000 worth of cargo from the "Leung Hop" in Chinese territory, concluded yesterday, the defendant being discharged.

Mr. J. H. Kemp (Crown Solicitor) was accused and the application was defended by Mr. J. H. Cardozo.

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## LADIES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Ladies Rifle Association held its annual competitions on the first four days in April, and keen interest was shown by the members. The prizes were distributed by Lady May on Saturday, the successful competitors being as follows:

25 yards scratch competition: 1st prize (silver cup presented by Major General F. H. Kelly) won by Mrs. Schreder with a score of 93. The second prize (a silver frame presented by the L.R.A.) was won by Miss Baker Brown with a score of 90.

25 yards handicap: 1st prize (a silver mounted scent bottle presented by Lady May) won by Mrs. Griffin with a score of 92. The second prize (a silver cup presented by the L.R.A.) was won by Miss Baker Brown with a score of 88.

50 yards scratch: 1st prize (a silver mounted scent bottle presented by Lady May) won by Mrs. Griffin with a score of 92. The second prize (a silver cup presented by the L.R.A.) was won by Miss Baker Brown with a score of 88.

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75 yards scratch: 1st prize (silver mounted scent bottle presented by Vice Admiral Sir T. H. B. Jerram) won by Mrs. Danby with a score of 90. The second prize (a silver cup presented by the L.R.A.) was won by Miss Baker Brown with a score of 88.

75 yards handicap: 1st prize (silver mounted scent bottle presented by Mrs. Danby) won by Mrs. Baker Brown with a score of 92. The second prize (silver frame presented by the L.R.A.) won by Mrs. Griffin with a score of 92.

Breakable eggs: prize (silver flower vase presented by Capt. H. N. B. Harrison) won by Miss Houslyn with a score of 5 eggs in 56 2/5 seconds.

Scratch aggregate of six competitions: 1st prize (silver frame presented by Lady May) won by Mrs. Danby with a score of 522. The second prize (silver umbrella handle presented by Wang Hing) won by Mrs. Churchill with a score of 518.

Slow and rapid: prize (silver trinket box presented by Mr. Stahl) won by Miss Houslyn with a score of 88+88=176.

25 yards scratch competition: 1st prize (silver cup given by husbands of members) won by Mr. and Mrs. Danby with a score of 188.87.

Consolation prize (China bowl presented by Miss Loureiro) won by Mrs. Backhouse. Challenge Cup: shot for during 1913-14. "Kadori" Cup won by Mrs. Danby. "Dickson" Cup won by Miss Houslyn. "Hokeyn" Cup won by Miss Houslyn.

L.R.A. Trophies won by Mrs. Danby and Mrs. Griffin.

David Shield and gold medal for champion shot of the year won by Mrs. Danby—139 shots averaging 91.85.

"Bell" Medal won by Miss Houslyn. "Express" Medal won by Mrs. Churchill.

WINNERS OF POOL BILLS. 1st Day: Mrs. Backhouse, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Houslyn, Mrs. Schreder.

2nd Day: Mrs. Backhouse, Miss Baker Brown (2), Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Danby (2), Mrs. Griffin.

3rd Day: Mrs. Backhouse, Mrs. Baker Brown, Miss Baker Brown, Mrs. Churchill (4), Mrs. Danby (2), Mrs. Griffin (2), Miss Loureiro (2).

4th Day: Mrs. Backhouse, Mrs. Baker Brown, Miss Baker Brown, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Danby (3), Mrs. Griffin (4), Mr. Griffin, Miss Houslyn (2), Dr. Hokeyn (3), Mr. Heath, Mrs. Schreder (2), Captain Watson.

MORE SUSPECTED PIRATES.

POLICE ACTIVITIES AT MACAO AND SWATOW.

Now that the police are upon the track of the desperadoes who ransacked the S.S. Childar near Mendocina Island when on a trip to Swatow, several important arrests have been made. In addition to the man and woman arrested on Sunday morning in Yamsui, two other men were apprehended later the same day on suspicion.

The pawn tickets found upon them were drawn upon several pawnshops in Hongkong and Yamsui where articles stolen from the Childar were placed.

We also learn that Det. Sergt. Brown yesterday at Macao made five more arrests; and it is stated that one of the gang has put at the disposal of the police invaluable information. At Swatow the police are active and we understand that they have several people in custody.

### A SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

INQUEST ON THE LATE MR. THOMAS.

At H. M. Police Court on April 1, says the "N. C. Daily News," Mr. F. Alan Robinson, acting Coroner, concluded his inquiry into the death of Mr. H. R. H. Thomas. Inspector Vaughan represented the police.

Mr. Percy Fowler, accountant in the offices of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., stated that he knew deceased.

The Coroner: In the way of business, did you know that he had just position in view?

Witness—Yes. The Coroner—On Saturday last did anything happen outside about it at position?

Witness—No. The Coroner—Did the position rest with people in Shanghai on people in England?

Witness—In Shanghai. The Coroner—If something had been decided would you have known?

Witness—Yes. The Coroner—No, except that the position was open to Mr. Thomas, so far as I was concerned, up to the time of his death.

## COMPANY REPORT.

### CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD.

The report for representation to shareholders as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the office of the Company on Wednesday, 16th April, reads as follows:

The accounts show a profit of £120,891.13. From this has to be deducted Fees to Consulting Committee 4,000.00

Leaving available for appropriation £116,891.13

The Consulting Committee recommended that a dividend of \$1.20 per share on the Subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders on 10th May 1914.

Write off Launches and Lighters 10,000.00  
" Hongkong Saw Mills 3,000.00  
" Sandakan Saw Mills 7,500.00  
" Plant &c. 4,000.00  
" Sandakan Engine 6,000.00

Transfer to Staff 2,747.08  
Transfer to a fund to be formed to provide for insurance of Company's Launches and Lighters 25,000.00  
Carry forward 444.07

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar retires from the Consulting Committee, but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. F. Maitland who offers himself for re-election.

W. G. DABRY, General Manager.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1913.

CAPITAL: 80,000 Shares each \$12 = \$720,000.00  
Less 14,000 Shares unissued each \$12 = 168,000.00

Surplus Creditors 37,480.54  
Balance of Working Account 120,891.13

Value as per last statement \$94,800.00  
Less amount provided for depreciation 5,000.00

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# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## BRITISH POLITICS.

### THE DEBATE RESUMED.

**LONDON, April 7.**  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Redmond, on resuming the debate on the Home Rule for Ireland Bill, dwelt on the great criticalness of the controversy. The time had gone by for mere Party manoeuvres, and it was useless crying "Peace" when there was no peace. (Opposition cheers.) It was impossible to agree to the permanent exclusion of Ulster or to abandon the principle of Ireland being a nation. Vague talk on Federalism was misleading and mischievous. Mr. Redmond concluded by stating that although he would say or do nothing to preclude a fair and honourable settlement, he thought that in the present circumstances the House should proceed with the Bill as it stood. (Loud cheers.)

#### Sir E. Carson's Latest Suggestion.

Sir Edward Carson reiterated that if the six years' time limit were removed he would go to Ulster and submit the Government's proposal. The whole thing, however, was an outrage on Constitutional Government. He emphasised that the only solution was to exclude Ulster until they had won her consent. He implied the Government to abandon the idea of forcing the Bill on Ulster.

#### Government And A Federal Solution.

Sir John Simon, the Attorney-General, in a most conciliatory spirit, affirmed that the Premier's offer would remain open till the latest possible time. Sir John hoped that the efforts to arrive at an agreement would continue, but the Government would exclude any discussion of a Federal solution that was merely intended to perpetuate the division of Ireland in two parts.

#### Speech By Opposition Leader.

Mr. Bonar Law said there were only two ways to avert a calamity, namely, the exclusion of Ulster or an appeal to the country. But the Government's bargain with the Nationalists barred either solution. If a proposal to renew the conversations were made the Opposition would accept it. But what use, continued Mr. Bonar Law, were conversations with Mr. Redmond when any Opposition proposal, if the Government would not make up their minds as to what was a fair and proper solution, they themselves must accept the responsibility for the state of affairs. The difficulties would disappear if the Government meant honestly the exclusion of Ulster. So long as Ulster was willing to come in the Opposition would do their utmost to facilitate a settlement on those lines. Application of force could only end in bloodshed should they fail in their object. Mr. Bonar Law announced that if the Government inserted the Ulster proposals in the Bill and carried it through Committee, having obtained the country's sanction to do so, then, as far as Lord Lansdowne's authority went, the House of Lords would allow the Government to place the Bill on the Statute book unchanged and without delay.

#### Winding Up The Debate.

Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in winding up the debate, said he thought they had made considerable progress. He shuddered at the very thought of civil war. They did not need civil war to settle the question. Ulster must be won. Her opposition to participating in the self-government of the island would be overcome; but it could not be by force. Hence the Government's proposals. He pleaded earnestly with them for a settlement; but the Opposition must not press the Government to exclude Ulster permanently. Mr. Birrell also said that it was hopeless to exclude Ulster permanently, because of Irish sentiment. They ought to find a solution by which Ulster could go out for a time and come back upon conditions which the Government were ready to consider with the Opposition.

Sir John Simon further intimated that the Government were prepared to discuss any reasonable modification of Mr. Asquith's proposals.

#### East Fife.

The East Fife Unionists have deferred their decision as to whether or not they will oppose Mr. Asquith until to-morrow.

#### Result of the Division.

The second reading of the Bill resulted in 356 for and 276 against the Bill. Government's majority 80. The O'Brienites obtained from voting.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

The Yoking.

Eight O'Brienites did not vote, thirty-six Labourites voted with the Government, and two Liberals, Mr. Agar Roberts and Sir C. J. Cory, voted with the Opposition. Hundreds of Irishmen engaged in cheering and the waving of green flags saluted the announcement of the figures. In Palace Yard and at the entrance to the House of Commons an ovation was given to Mr. Redmond and others as they came out. It is understood that the Welsh Disestablishment Bill will be introduced for second reading the week after next and the Plural Voting Bill shortly afterwards. The Government will then propose to clause the motion dealing with the Committee stage of the three chief Bills. The Government intends that their Ulster proposals will be considered at Conference between the Party leaders, when the Bill goes to the House of Lords.

#### The Ladybank Speech.

Unionist opinions on the speech at Ladybank are very divergent. While the Daily Telegraph interprets Mr. Asquith's remarks as adding the whole weight of his authority to the anti-Army agitation, the Morning Post says it is clear that Mr. Asquith will have nothing to do with an anti-Army campaign.

#### The Press And the Army.

Meanwhile the headline "Army versus People" has disappeared from the Liberal organs, which are ceasing their attacks on the Army itself and are concentrating on the alleged unsuccessful Unionist conspiracy to seduce it.

## THE NEW CABLE.

### THE "COLONIA" AT SINGAPORE.

(From the China Correspondent.)

#### SINGAPORE, April 7.

The cable steamer "Colonia" has arrived, having completed the cable from Aden to Singapore. She resumes her voyage to Hongkong this week.

## WARLIKE ACTIVITY IN ALBANIA.

### LONDON, April 7.

A telegram from Durazzo states that in consequence of the situation in South Albania the Government have ordered that a list of the forces available be drawn up with a view to eventually forming a militia. Proclamations have been posted throughout the country ordering a muster of all the ex-reefs between the ages of 20 and 39 years. The rumours as to a partial mobilisation are premature in the meantime.

## BOMB EXPLOSION IN A CHURCH.

### LONDON, April 6.

A bomb exploded at midnight in St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar Square, and two stained-glass windows and a pew were shattered. It is supposed to be the work of Suffragettes.

## LONDON STOCKBROKER IN TROUBLE.

### LONDON, April 6.

Mr. Fenner, the well-known London stockbroker, whose name came into prominence in connection with the American Marconi transactions by Ministers, has been extradited from France to England. He is to appear at the Mansion House Court to-day.

#### LATER.

### A Formidable Arraignment.

Fenner appeared at the Mansion House Police Court, charged under the Larceny Act. Altogether, there are seventy-eight charges against him.

### "Solomon owed his wisdom largely to his 800 wives, whose cute tips made him the smartest monarch in the history of the world," said that Rev. Frank M. Palmer at a Bible conference at Winona, Indiana.

## THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEN's complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to use a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## AN INTERESTING WEDDING.

### LONDON, April 7.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the well-known actress, was married yesterday afternoon at a Registry Office to Mr. George Cornwallis West, who was recently divorced by his wife Lady Randolph Churchill, the decree of the divorce being made absolute yesterday.

[Mrs. Patrick Campbell was the widow of Major Patrick Campbell, killed in the South African War in 1900.—Ed.]

## VOLUNTEER JUBILEE PROCEEDINGS AT SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

### SHANGHAI, April 6.

The Volunteers on Saturday celebrated their Jubilee by engaging in a "battle" at Muddyflat. On Saturday afternoon the commemorative stone of the new Volunteer Headquarters and the new Municipal building was laid, and in the evening, a torch-light procession and fireworks programme was gone through.

The weather was cold and threatening.

## CANADIAN AND ORIENTAL EMPLOYERS.

### LONDON, April 7.

A telegram from Toronto states that the Chinese Consul-General in Canada has objected to the clause in the Ontario Factories Act Amendment Bill forbidding Orientals to employ white girls on the ground that such is unconstitutional.

The clause, it is stated, is opposed to the principles of the treaty with China.

As a clause involving a similar amendment by the Saskatchewan Legislature is now before the Imperial Privy Council, the Ontario Government will probably withdraw the amendment until the case is decided.

## A PETITION FROM KEDAH.

### LONDON, April 7.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Amery asked whether a petition from the Regent of Kedah had been received complaining that the High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States had vitally changed the Constitution and the integrity of Kedah. Mr. Amery drew the attention of the Government to a statement made in the House of Commons on July 21, 1909, to the effect that the integrity of Kedah would be unaffected by the Transfer Treaty. Mr. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that a petition had been received direct from the Regent protesting against his appointment as President of the State Council having been referred to the High Commissioner for report. Mr. Harcourt added that he was aware of the statement alluded to, but did not understand that the appointment was regarded as being a vital change in the Constitution or one affecting the interests and integrity of the State in question.

## CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

### Champions Cup Races.

In connection with the Corinthian Yacht Club, races were sailed on Sunday for cups put up for competition by the owners of the championship boats in the respective classes, this season, the trophies being designated by the name of the donor's boat. The fourth motor boat race for the championship cup was also run off, the Titanic, Mr. Wilson's boat, practically making good its claim to the trophy. The results are appended.

**3-1/2 LITRE HANDICAP CLASS.**  
Course: Kowloon rock (4). Channel rock (3). Old mark land (3). Three times round Cabot 12 miles. Starting gun 10 a.m.: 1st Halcion (10 a.m. on course 23 min.) finishing time 12 h. 33 m. 41 sec. p.m.; 2nd La Linda (scratch) 12 h. 13 m. 2 sec. p.m.; 3rd for 3rd place, Rolle (scratch) 12 h. 17 m. 0 sec. p.m.; and Dorothea (8 min. 20 sec. on course) 12 h. 21 min. 20 sec.; 5th Kathleen (4 min. 10 sec. on course), 12 h. 22 min. 13 sec. p.m.

**THE RACE, NEWARK REVS. CLASS.**  
Course, same as for violet cup.—1st Sirius (scratch) finishing time 1 h. 2 m. 10 sec. p.m.; 2nd White Rose (scratch) 1 h. 16 m. 45 sec. Dawn gave up.

**GALE CLASS, GALE CUP.**  
Course: North fairway buoy (4) Chan- nel rock (4), distance 10 miles, starting gun 10 a.m.: 1st Thelma (scratch) finishing time 1 h. 24 m. 35 sec. p.m.; 2nd Athlete (50 sec.) actual finishing time 1 h. 29 m. 33 sec. p.m.; 3rd Tinseltie (10 sec.). J an gave up.

**5-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.**  
Course, Kowloon rock (2). Lyeounun beacon (4). Kowloon rock (2). Starting gun 10 a.m.: 1st Frank (10 a.m. on course) finishing time 12 h. 1 m. 33 sec. p.m.; previous points 37. 2nd L'Hindelle (scratch) 12 h. 1 m. 125 p.m.; previous points 28. 3rd Wawa (10 m. 35 sec. on 12 h. 21 m. 41 sec. p.m.; previous points 34. 4th Lee Made (21 m. 40) 12 h. 23 m. 22 sec. previous points 32.

After August 25 next the large White Star liners which sail from Southampton are to cross Queensland off their ports of call.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Web Tas Yat Po's Service.)

## CHINA'S OIL FIELDS.

### PEKING, April 7.

It is reported that the number of oil fields in China are:—Chihli 23, Yunnan 17, Kweichow 18, Shensi 8, Kiangsu 4, Shansi, Hunan and Mukden four each, Szechuan, Kili and Hupoh two each, and Canton one. It is now proposed to develop the most fertile of these fields.

## KIANGSI-FUKIEN RAILWAY.

### PEKING, April 7.

The Japanese Government's request to build the Kiangsi and Fukien railway has been refused by the Chinese Government.

## CURRENCY IMPROVEMENT LOAN.

### PEKING, April 7.

Chau Tu Chi is said to have been in negotiation with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with regard to the Currency Improvement Loan, but no settlement has been arrived at.

## RUSSIA AND CHINA.

### PEKING, April 7.

The Russian Minister has intimated to the Foreign Department that if the Government increase the military forces in Kili and Uihlung-kung, it will be necessary to inform the Russian Government of the precise position of the garrisons.

## IMPROVING CHINA'S CURRENCY.

### PEKING, April 7.

In connection with the scheme for the improvement of the currency it is stated that branch offices will be established at Kwangtung, Szechuen, Mukden, Shensi, Hunan and the Kiangsu Provinces.

## THE EX-EMPEROR'S EDUCATION.

### PEKING, April 7.

Princess Kin has been interviewed by Chu Shi and Prince Ching in regard to the education of the ex-Emperor Kwang Hsu.

## THE POST OFFICE AND EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Good Friday, the 10th, Saturday, the 11th, and Easter Monday, the 13th inst., being General Holidays, the Post Office will be open as follows:—

On Good Friday, from 8 till 9 a.m., on Saturday from 7 till noon for the despatch of English and Siberian mails. There will be one special delivery of registered correspondence on this day at 9 a.m. Registration of letters for the English and Siberian mails for the North will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, the 9th inst.

Registration for the English and Siberian mails will close at 11 a.m. on the 11th inst. On Monday from 8 till 9 a.m. there will be one delivery of ordinary letters and a collection of letters from the pillar boxes on each day. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

## CROWN LAND SALE.

Two lots of leasehold Crown land were sold by public auction at the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. Lot 2,070, at Hui Fung Lane, consisting of 8432 square feet of land with annual Crown rent of \$58, was bought by U Hing Shue g and Ng Yee Sik for the upset price, \$1,208.

The second lot, No. 2071, at Mong Tai, with an area of 23,317 feet, annual Crown rent \$174, was bought at \$3,398 and knocked down to the Rev. B. Bone for \$5,200.

The Empress of Asia was signalled from Kowloon of nine o'clock this morning, but the vessel was only a minute as the ship (carrying Siberian Mail) had not entered the port when it was to pass.

A small Chinese cargo boat in the harbour caught fire yesterday. Holes were bored, but the boat did not sink very rapidly. The Fire Brigade went aboard and put out the fire after which the boat sank.

The excuse given by a Chinese for being in possession of a revolver and several rounds of ammunition, was that he used it to scare away birds from his garden. He was fined \$100 and the weapon was confiscated.

"Suggestion"—All letters to the Editor of the "China Mail" must be accompanied by the writer's name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Your letter is more suitable for consideration by the Sanitary Board or by the Public Works Department.

"I know of no law to make him speak to you," said the Tottenham magistrate to a woman, who complained that her husband had been alienated by her.

# HOMER NEWS VIA SIBERIA.

## THE COURT.

Their Majesties have held the third Court of the season at Buckingham Palace. For the first time the Prince of Wales was present. There was a large and distinguished assembly.

## THE NAVY.

It is proposed to lay down this year four battleships, two of which will be accelerated; four light cruisers, twelve destroyers, and a number of submarines. Five thousand officers and men will be added to the personnel, raising the total number to 131,000.

## THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Leaders of both political parties in the Commonwealth strongly support the plea for an Imperial Naval Conference at an early date. It is urged that the Pacific is everything to Australia and New Zealand, and they could not afford to delay their action until Canada settled her policy.

According to statements published in Johannesburg, Sir James Rose-Innes, Chief Justice of the Transvaal since 1901, will be appointed High Commissioner in London for the Union of South Africa, in succession to the late Sir Alfred Solomon.

Of the twelve men who have been undergoing a preliminary course in aviation in South Africa, under Mr. Patterson, five will shortly proceed to England to complete their training with the Imperial Army Flying Corps. On their return the Union of South Africa Flying Corps will be established.

## AT HOME.

Delegates from British health and holiday resorts met at the Guildhall to inaugurate a federation and to further the earlier holidays movement. The company represented sixty well-known resorts, with a rateable value aggregating £9,000,000. Prior to the conference the delegates were entertained at luncheon by Lord Burnham and the Hon. Harry Lawson, M.P.

The death is announced of Sir Charles des Vieux, who passed away in his 87th year, and of Mr. Arthur Houson, K.C., who was in his 81st year.

On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the opening of his vast emporium in London, Mr. Gordon Selfridge was the recipient of a bust of himself, executed by Sir Thomas Brock. The Hon. Harry Lawson, M.P., on behalf of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, congratulated Mr. Selfridge on the great success he had achieved.

Master builders have refused to participate in the round-table conference, on the ground that unions outside the dispute in London have been invited to attend. In a letter to the National Board of Conciliation employers declare that they are prepared to meet only representatives of unions directly involved.

Speaking at a banquet to members of the legal profession in the Fishmongers' Hall, Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., announced his intention of shortly retiring from the Bar.

## LAW AND POLICE.

Mary Richardson, indicted at the London Sessions for having maliciously damaged the "Robey Venus," by Valerique, was sent to prison for six months.

## SPORT.

On the concluding day of the National Hunt Meeting at Cheltenham an outsider in Mr. E. Bibby's Red Coll was the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase. The other events were to Saucisson, Sentry, Vermouth, Charlbury, and Wrack. On the opening day at Hooton Park, Repp and Stoko Boy, who were the only two that finished, ran a dead-heat for the Meme Selling Handicap Steeplechase. The other winners were Ken-wave, Noah, Summit, Dick Dunn, and Fortune Bay. At Folkestone, the winners were Achaeus, Vertol, Hesperus Magnus, Bitter Cherry, Signal Red, and Rubber King.


## "THE DANCING MISTRESS."

A large audience at the Theatre Royal last evening witnessed the Bandman Opera Company's performance of "The Dancing Mistress," a musical play by James T. Tanner, but there were few in the house, judging by comments overheard, who were impressed either by the play or the company's performance of it. Last evening was the first opportunity which the Hongkong Public had of seeing "The Dancing Mistress," but it would not be just to form any opinion of it on this performance. The play is one which depends for its successful presentation, probably more than any other in the company's present repertoire, upon a careful reading of the music, and by reason of the lightness of the plot demands more than ordinary careful treatment of the spoken lines. Both these essentials the Bandman Company failed to fulfill. The majority of the musical numbers were poorly rendered, and few of the company did themselves justice in other respects. Almost the one exception was Miss Addie Leonard, who as Verdine Tonslet, a French mistress in a young ladies' academy played a difficult part really well. Mr. Jimmie Hooper achieved a certain amount of success as a builder, but his part did not seem to suit him as well as previous ones he has taken. One or two touches of brightness were given to a dull evening by the dances.

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COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI &  
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Connecting Steamer leaves Yokohama	Steamer to Colombo	Leave Shanghai	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamer from Colombo to Marseilles and London	Due at Marseilles	Due at London (1 day later)
		p.m.	noon		Friday	Thursday
Thurs. Apr. 16	DELTA	Apr. 21	Apr. 22	DELTA	May 22	May 26
Apr. 30	ASSAYE	May 5	May 6	ASSAYE	June 5	June 11
May 14	INDIA	May 19	May 20	INDIA	June 19	June 25
May 28	DEVANHA	June 2	June 3	DEVANHA	July 2	July 8
June 11	DELTA	June 16	June 17	DELTA	July 16	July 22
June 25	HIMALAYA	June 30	July 1	HIMALAYA	Aug. 1	Aug. 7
July 9	ASSAYE	July 14	July 15	ASSAYE	Aug. 14	Aug. 21
July 23	DEVANHA	July 28	July 29	DEVANHA	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
Aug. 6	CHINA	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	CHINA	Sept. 11	Sept. 18

THE ATTENTION OF PASSENGERS is drawn to the Accelerated Arrival of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth & London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday & London on the following Friday. Arrangements are also being made whereby passengers by the P. & O. Special Trains from Marseilles can now arrive in London at 3.25 p.m. on Saturdays.

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of booking.

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1st SALOON	"A"	Accommodation	SINGLE	RETURN	£97.
"B"	"	"	"	"	£89.
2nd SALOON	"A"	"	"	"	£86.
"B"	"	"	"	"	£80.

MARSEILLES.

1st SALOON	"A"	Accommodation	SINGLE	RETURN	£91.
"B"	"	"	"	"	£83.
2nd SALOON	"A"	"	"	"	£83.
"B"	"	"	"	"	£77.

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RUBIA	Apr. 14	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	May 5	June 2	June 13
WAMUR	Apr. 28	May 7	May 8	May 17	June 16	June 26
NOVARA	May 12	May 21	May 22	June 1	June 24	July 4
NELORE	May 26	June 4	June 5	June 14	July 13	Aug. 3
NEHYBER	June 9	June 18	June 19	June 28	July 27	Aug. 7
NAGOYA	June 23	July 2	July 3	July 12	Aug. 11	Aug. 21
STRATA	July 7	July 16	July 17	July 26	Aug. 25	Sept. 5
STRATA	July 21	July 30	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Sept. 9	Sept. 20
STRATA	Aug. 4	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 23	Sept. 22	Oct. 3

† New Steamer

These steamers call also at PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG, and COLOMBO.

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2nd " £35 " £52 " £67.

FARES TO MARSEILLES:

1st SALOON £46 Single.

2nd SALOON £33.

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Under Mail Contract with the Austrian Government

MONTHLY FAST SERVICE TO TRIESTE (VENICE)

Via Suez, Colombo, Aden, Port Said.

S.S. KORREK, 9,900 tons, will leave as above on 12th April at 4 p.m.

Superior accommodation for 1st and 2nd Class passengers, as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Cabin. Double

FARES: Hongkong-Trieste (Venice) 1st Class £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10.

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